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TAGS: PDEV, SF, WA  
SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: AFRIKAANS PRESS CONTINUES FRONT PAGE  
REPORTING OF NUJOMA OFFER FOR CEASEFIRE

SEPTEMBER 8 AFRIKAANS PRESS CONTINUES MAJOR PLAY GIVEN  
TO SAM NUJOMA'S OFFER TO SIGN A CEASEFIRE AGREEMENT WITH  
SOUTH AFRICA (PRETORIA 5274), BUT THE REPORTING WAS NOT UNANIMOUSLY  
POSITIVE. "DIE TRANSVALER" CARRIED FRONT-PAGE HEADLINE  
SAYING, "SWAPO ASKS FOR CEASEFIRE" AND SUB-HEAD "WEST  
IS HOPEFUL ABOUT UN FORCE." A NEGATIVE NOTE WAS STRUCK BY  
AFRIKAANS DAILY "OGGENDBLAD", WHICH REPORTED, "THE WESTERN SETTLE-  
MENT PLAN FOR SWA/NAMIBIA IS ON THE WAY TO DECLINING  
INTO A STATE OF COMPLETE RE-NEGOTIATION." ACCORDING  
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TO THE "OGGENDBLAD" ARTICLE, THE NUJOMA REQUEST FOR A  
SIGNED CEASEFIRE INTRODUCES A NEW DIVISIVE ELEMENT  
SINCE THE MOVE "IS SEEN IN SOUTH AFRICAN CIRCLES AS  
A TRICK TO GET SOUTH AFRICA TOGETHER WITH SWAPO  
AROUND A NEGOTIATING TABLE. THUS FAR SOUTH AFRICA  
HAS ALWAYS DECLINED TO GIVE OFFICIAL RECOGNITION TO  
SWAPO." DEEP INTO ITS OTHERWISE POSITIVE STORY UNDER

THE HEADLINES MENTIONED PREVIOUSLY, "DIE TRANSVALER"  
ALSO BRIEFLY NOTES THAT THE NUJOMA PLAN WOULD BE  
UNACCEPTABLE TO THE SAG BECAUSE IT MIGHT MEAN OFFICIAL  
RECOGNITION OF SWAPO.  
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